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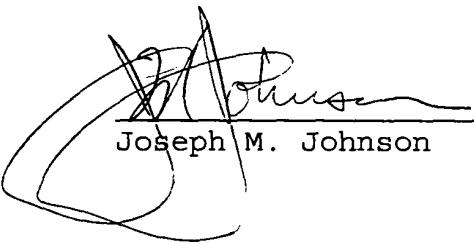
Title : QUICK-RELEASE CLAMP FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

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Dated: 5 August, 2003


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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

QUICK-RELEASE CLAMP FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

the specification of which

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[] was filed on _____ as
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(if applicable)

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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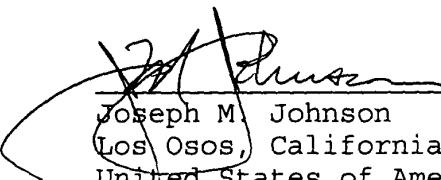
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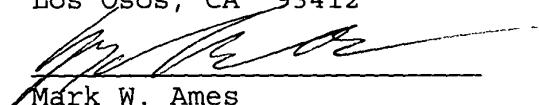
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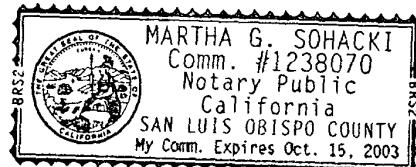
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